

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY
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ESTABLISHMENT OF CONTROLLER OF CERTIFYING AUTHORITIES
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Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

- (a) whether there is a provision in the Information Technology Act for establishment of Controller of Certifying Authorities in Delhi and at other places;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether applications have been received from various parties for becoming Certifying Authorities;
- (d) if so, the details thereof;
- (e) whether these applications have since been examined and final decision has been taken in this regard;
- (f) if so, the details thereof; and (g) if not, the time by which the final decision is likely to be taken in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN)

(a) and (b): Section 17 of the IT Act 2000 provides for the appointment of a Controller of Certifying Authorities (CCA). The Controller was appointed on November 1, 2000 with his office located at Delhi.

(c), (d), (e), (f) and (g): About 250 individuals and organizations had purchased the information booklet containing application form from the office of the CCA in December 2000. Only three applications have, however, been received so far. One of the applicants namely, M/s. Safescrypt, has been licensed to operate as a Certifying Authority. The license was issued on 5th February, 2002. The technical and physical infrastructure of the other two applicants namely, National Informatics Centre, New Delhi and Institute for Development and Research in Banking Technology, Hyderabad are at different stages of audit. Licences will be granted soon after the satisfactory completion of audit.